

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 578**

February 8, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the provision of sexual identity change therapy to prepubescent minors. Prohibits the provision of sexual identity change therapy to minors who have entered puberty unless a parent or guardian has written recommendations for the therapy from at least three physicians.

Establishes that violations of this prohibition by a healthcare professional are subject to civil action in tort up to 7 years after the minor turns 21, and a Class A misdemeanor regardless of the minor's age.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), any impact to DOH is estimated to be not significant.
- Any cost to local jail systems resulting from possible convictions under this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any increase in court cases will not be significant and can be accommodated utilizing existing resources within the court system.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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